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Tree Cities Are Sprucing Up for Arbor Day

By Mike Wagoner

North Carolina observes Arbor Day this year on Friday, March 17, and the focus in Carteret County will be on the two municipalities that have achieved Tree City USA designations—Pine Knoll Shores and Beaufort.

Only 85 communities in North Carolina are on the Tree City USA roster. That is less than one per county in North Carolina, and one wonders why there aren't more.

Pine Knoll Shores has been a Tree City since 2000 and is proud of it. The Tree City USA program was established in 1976, under the canopy of the Arbor Day Foundation. The Pine Knoll Shores town website (townofpks.com) has a historical section that pays tribute to the town's green heritage, noting that the place was once known as the "Isle of Pines."

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the purchase of about 2,000 acres of property in the middle of Bogue Banks by Alice Green Hoffman of New York City. It was to become the location of her "Shore House," a little getaway from the hustle and bustle of New York or from what was her second home at the time in Paris, France. She was 55 years old and an independent woman of more-than-modest wealth when she moved into Shore House back in 1917.

In her autobiography, Ms. Hoffman wrote about life at Shore House: "It was a wonderful place . . . one of the last remaining retreats, isolated from all the world & its fripperies. No telephone, electricity, radio or noise . . ." Those modern conveniences would eventually come to Carteret County, but there still aren't many fripperies around here, as in ostentations, adornments or gildings.

Ms. Hoffman's niece was Eleanor Roosevelt, married to Theodore Roosevelt Jr., eldest son of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. This helps explain why the Roosevelt name is so much associated with Pine Knoll Shores.

The Pine Knoll Shores History Committee blog (pineknollhistory.blogspot.com) contains many entries on Alice Hoffman, her house, her interest in the natural environment and the conservationist values of the Roosevelt family who developed Pine Knoll Shores.

In a way, Pine Knolls Shores citizens have dedicated their Tree City achievement to Ms. Hoffman as a memorial. The town will have an Arbor Day observance on March 17 at noon. At press time, the location had not been determined, but residents will be notified of the venue by town-wide email prior to the event.

Beaufort became a Tree City in 2013 and, working with the North Carolina Forestry Service, the town now has a database of age, size and condition of each of the town's 1,174 trees in public areas. For information about Beaufort's Arbor Day plans, go to beaufortnc.org.

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PKS History Exhibit on the Move

By Walt Zaenker

Since March 2016, the History Museum of Carteret County has hosted the exhibit "Beach Town in a Forest—The Story of Pine Knoll Shores." Dismantling the display is scheduled to start this month.

The Pine Knoll Shores History Committee will move graphic elements of "Beach Town in a Forest" to town hall and display them in the board room along with some additional new material. The east wall in the board room (to the right when entering the room) will feature the exhibit's six tall graphic panels that describe periods in history that shaped Pine Knoll Shores. The right side of the south wall will highlight the story of the museum exhibit. Also sharing that wall will be a Roosevelt family photo and a family tree illustrating Alice Hoffman's relationship with the Roosevelt family. The left side of the south wall will have a photo collection of all the boards of commissioners and mayors since the town's founding in 1973. Planned for the west wall is a detailed timeline presenting the history of Pine Knoll Shores in images and text. The History Committee is planning to have this new display fully mounted by April or May. The material currently on display in the board room will be removed and stored in the history archives.

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Reflections of Pine Knoll Shores



One of the graphic panels that will be moved to the Pine Knoll Shores town hall.—Photo by Bill Flexman

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